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Dominican Republic

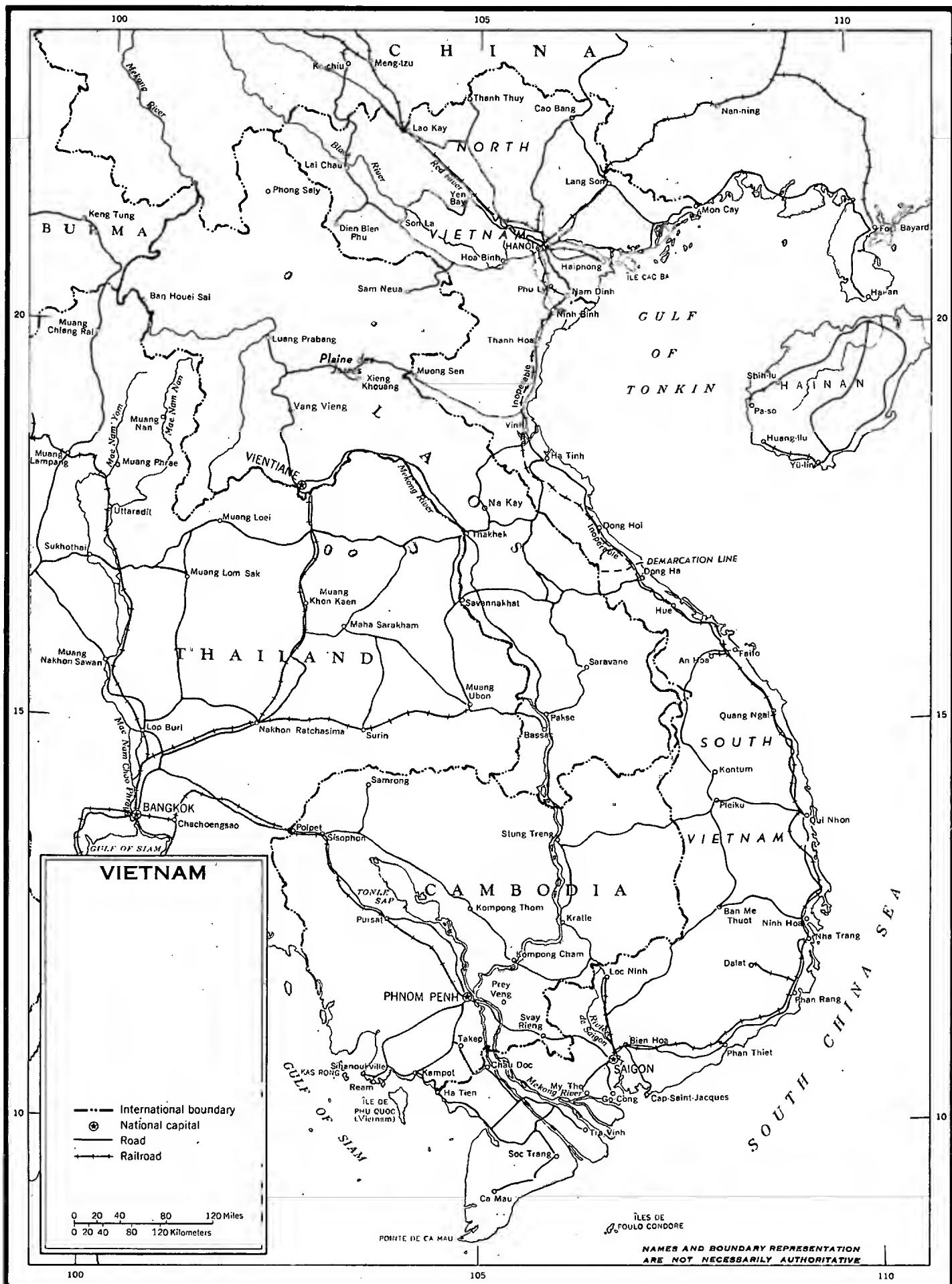
There is still little progress toward a negotiated solution. Rebel leaders continue to insist on "constitutionality" as a prerequisite for any agreement, although there are apparent divisions among them as to what this means.

General Imbert, on the other hand, is increasingly impatient with the restrictions of the cease-fire agreement, and is showing little enthusiasm for establishment of a broader-based government. He has apparently not attracted widespread public support so far.

Living conditions in Santo Domingo are improving slowly as workers begin again to appear on the job. Shooting incidents continue, however, as the rebels snipe at US and loyalist positions.

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some rebels are filtering from their stronghold on the waterfront into the area north of the international "corridor" as well as into the interior. If true, this will permit them some greater initiative in the countryside. Here, Imbert's forces appear generally to exercise control, but food and medicine remain in short supply and observers fear this could easily result in unrest.

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1. North Vietnam

U-2 photography taken Sunday has turned up a second surface-to-air missile site being built near Hanoi. (See map.) Work on the new site began early this month and is being pushed more rapidly than the construction of the first. Both will probably be standard six-position sites.

Their placement suggests that a ring of four are planned to defend Hanoi. As of now no surface-to-air missiles or related equipment have been detected in North Vietnam.

Monday's photography shows 53 jet fighters at Phuc Yen airfield and 4 at Cat Bi near Haiphong. Six more aircraft were still in crates at Phuc Yen. Forty-four of these aircraft flew in from China. The remaining 19 probably came by rail from the Soviet Union.

2. Vietnam

The Viet Cong force near Song Be, now estimated as a regular regiment, has broken off contact with the government forces. Communist positions near the provincial capital were hit by US and South Vietnamese aircraft yesterday. Reports today indicate that the Viet Cong were fading into the hills nearby.

Vietnamese Air Force planes have forced a Thai airliner carrying "Big" Minh to return to Bangkok. Premier Quat says that his efforts to persuade Minh to stay in Bangkok were unavailing. The premier feared that Minh's return would lead to new political intrigue.

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From Peiping, the Chinese Communists continue to take a hard line on Vietnam. References in their controlled press to the possibility of negotiations under certain circumstances seem directed largely to refuting Soviet charges that the Chinese leaders are intransigent war maniacs willing to fight on to the last Vietnamese. Peiping may also be worried that some circles in Hanoi, influenced by Moscow, may be considering the possibility of talks.

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3. Indonesia

Communist mass organizations are pressing hard for more government and mob action against US interests and installations in Indonesia. Their rallying point this time is the seizure of an Indonesian ship in Los Angeles on behalf of an American rubber company claim.

On 10 May Sukarno opened a "National Defense Institute" which apparently will work on giving the armed forces instructions on how to cooperate with the Communists instead of combatting them. The Communist party chairman and his deputy are scheduled to be regular lecturers.

Communist confidence is reflected in the party's recent call for general elections. It apparently is the only element in Indonesia willing to be counted. Sukarno, however, is unlikely to yield to them in this case.

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5. USSR

Ambassador Kohler reports that the publicity given by the Soviets to the ouster of US cultural officer Norris Garnett has inadvertently demonstrated the substantial unrest among African students in the USSR. Kohler believes this offers the US an excellent propaganda tool for use throughout Africa.

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6. Guatemala

Chief of Government Peralta may soon hand his varied enemies a new and serious issue on which to unite against him. He is reported ready to seek postponement of the scheduled November elections while having himself appointed to serve as provisional president until March 1967. This would probably split the armed forces and give the Communists and other terrorists an opening.

7. USSR

Today's Soviet announcement on Lunik-5 said the probe had "hit" the moon. There is some suspicion that the probe was an attempt at a soft landing which failed. Moscow may have tried to obscure this by claiming that the shot resulted in the acquisition of "extensive information necessary for the further processing of a system for a soft landing on the moon's surface."

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